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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CHINA ANXIOUS FOR EC TRADE PACT

THE PRC AMBASSADOR TO THE EC LAST WEEK REQUESTED "URGENT" RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS ON A TRADE AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR HUAN HSIANG BLAMED LACK OF PROGRESS OVER THE PAST YEAR ON THE "GANG OF FOUR" AND SAID THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY OBSTACLE TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EC'S NOVEMBER 1974 OFFER OF A STANDARD FRAMEWORK TRADE AGREEMENT.

ACCORDING TO OUR MISSION TO THE EC, COMMUNITY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THIS SUDDEN MOVE BY THE CHINESE WAS STIMULATED BY MOSCOW'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE
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A FISHING AGREEMENT WITH THE NINE. THE OFFICIALS PREDICT THAT THE TWO REMAINING DIFFICULTIES IN THE EC/PRC NEGOTIATIONS, MOST-FAVORED-NATION STATUS AND SAFEGUARD CLAUSES, CAN BE QUICKLY OVERCOME. (CONFIDENTIAL) EC BRUSSELS 1543, 2/17.)

2. FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA SEES REPRESSION WIDENING

EMBASSY BONN HAS OBTAINED A REPORT FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA CONCERNING THE DEATHS OF ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP LUWUM AND TWO CABINET OFFICIALS FEBRUARY 16. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THERE WAS ACTUALLY A COUP ATTEMPT AGAINST AMIN JANUARY 25, BUT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE THREE OFFICIALS WERE MURDERED ON AMIN'S ORDERS RATHER THAN DYING IN A CAR ACCIDENT AS CLAIMED. THE FRG EMBASSY EXPECTS THE REGIME TO TAKE FURTHER REPRESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND THE TRIBE OF FORMER UGANDA PRESIDENT MILTON OBOTE. IT DESCRIBES THE UGANDAN POPULATION AS COMPLETELY INTIMIDATED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BONN 3034 AND 3067, 2/18.)

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